

# CLASS ACT

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#### Committee

President: Heather Jones
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Ellen Demaagd, Brian
Donaghy, Danny Gibbins,
Gayle Hammond, Lori
Nielsen

Find information on all our happenings, present & past at stirlingplayers.sct.org.au

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#### Message from the President

Well, another year is nearly over and first thanks go to Megan Dansie, and Patsy Thomas, for their productions, Nell Gwynn (nominated for ATG Best Comedy) and Celebration, which delighted our audience.

I also wish to thank my hard working Vice-President Danny Gibbins, Secretary Viki Burrett, Treasurer, Rob Andrewartha and Committee Members Ellen Demaagd, Brian Donaghy, Gayle Hammond and Lori Nielsen. I am truly grateful for their support and continued dedication.

We have two intriguing, contemporary plays coming up in 2020, both South Australian premieres. First up, in March, *Wicked Sisters*, directed by Megan Dansie. Then in September, we welcome back Aldo Longobardi in his directorial debut for us with *Heisenberg*. Who will ever forget Aldo's moving performance as Kynaston in *Complete Female Stage Beauty* in 2012?

February sees our AGM and I encourage new people to join our Committee. New and fresh ideas are welcome, and we would love your contribution.

On behalf of the Committee, thank you for supporting The Stirling Players this year. I wish you and your families a Wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season.

Heather Jones President



### What the Critics said about CELEBRATION

""Director Patsy Thomas has assembled a very capable and highly experienced cast of performers. An ensemble piece, all have their moment to shine"

Trish Francis

**GlamAdelaide** 

"...it becomes unexpectedly easy to be emotionally moved at the twists of fate that transpire between these flawed, recognisable, ultimately loveable characters"

Anthony Vawser

**Stage Whispers** 

"The Stirling Players have produced an entertaining rendition of a gentle comedy of manners as relevant now as it was in the 1960s" Alan Shelley

TASA

"It scores through a hardworking cast that bringing alive two acts of wedding and funeral dramas" John Ovenden

Weekender Herald

It's time for us all to celebrate the great year of creativity, hard work, friendship & fun we've had in 2019!

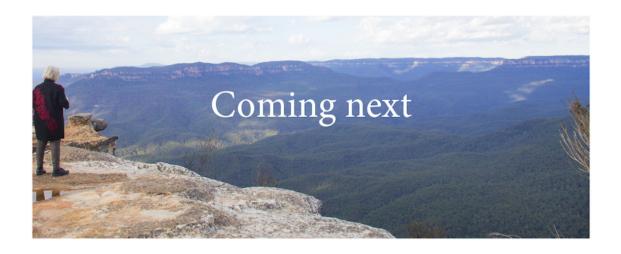


### **Grand Christmas Dinner**

Friday, November 29 6.30 for 7.00 pm Stanley Bridge Hotel Verdun



RSVP to stirlingplayerssecretary@gmail.com or ring Viki on 0418 237 011 no later than November 23.



#### **WICKED SISTERS**

A South Australian Premiere by Alma De Groen Directed by Megan Dansie

#### Season Runs 6-21 march 2020

Wicked Sisters is a contemporary tale that takes place in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney, but it could just as easily have been set in one of Adelaide's leafier suburbs. You've met these women.

Reminiscences and confessions soon reveal the private ambitions and regrets that lie behind their public lives.

All four have been heavily involved in the life of a deceased scientist, in ways which some have not even suspected. All are haunted by his ghost in the form of his computer, still running his programs to model human evolution.

It is a play about personal relationships, about success, integrity and about competition versus cooperation, rationalism versus empathy. And, in the end, about how one woman outsmarts them all.

#### **CAST**

Petra Schulenberg as Meridee

Deborah Walsh as Lydia

April Stuart as Judith

Cate Roger as Hester

Rehearsals start early December & Box Office opens in January



Looking for a Christmas gift for a theatre lover?
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## We need more people to be part of The Stirling Players' dynamic and creative team!

We are proud of our reputation for always aiming for excellence, whether it's on-stage, back-stage, front of house or behind the scenes. But it takes a lot of commitment to keep a company running, & to mount productions as good as ours.

We are presently achieving this with a small core of dedicated committee members & we need more people to play an active role off-stage.

If that's you or someone you know, let US know email contactstirlingplayers@gmail.com, post us on Facebook or come to our AGM in February (date tha)

#### AUDITIONS to be held on 26 & 28 NOVEMBER 2019



#### The SA Premiere production of

#### HEISENBERG

Written By: Simon Stephens Directed By: Aldo Longobardi

#### Season runs 11-26 September 2020

Georgie is an 'exhausting but captivating' woman in her forties from New Jersey and living in London. Alex, in his 70s, is a quiet, introverted Irish butcher and eternal bachelor who is unused to and suspicious of romantic attention.

Georgie and Alex are perfect strangers and complete opposites who share one significant thing in common: they are both deeply lonely having lost the people who meant most to them. When Georgie accidentally kisses the back of Alex's neck in St Pancras Station, mistaking him for someone else, the pair are drawn together into something that is part romance, part friendship, and part experiment in embracing the uncertain.

#### **ROLES AVAILABLE**

GEORGIE BURNS (female) Early 40s\*

ALEX PRIEST (male) Mid 70s\*

'ON STAGE CREW' (multiple roles available, any gender) 18+ The on stage crew will assist in facilitating costume and set changes between scenes as part of the performance through choreographed physical theatre sequences.

See the Auditions page of our website for all the details ...

# Some memorable moments from CELEBRATION thanks to Mark Anolak, Brian Donaghy & others!

















And then there was the great Opening Night Celebration with cake by Rob Andrewartha & shared by all the guests!





Meanwhile, in real life... we offer our heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS

to Rob Andrewartha & Dave Simms
and
to Penni Hamilton-Smith & Dr Ray Taylor
on their recent weddings
& wish them every happiness
in their future lives together!

